

Driving Privilege Card

BACKGROUND

In 1999, Rep. David Ure (R-Dagget, Morgan, Rich, Summit, Wasatch) sponsored HB36 - *Driver License Identification*. This law allows individuals to utilize their individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Services as identification to obtain a driver license.

In 2005, Senator Curtis Bramble (R-Utah) sponsored SB227 - Public Safety Driving and Identification Card Amendments, which requires the Driver License Division to issue a Driving Privilege Card only to applicants who meet all requirements for a regular driver license with the exception of receiving a Social Security number.

This card is utilized for <u>driving purposes only</u> and is not valid for identification purposes with any governmental entity.

A "Driving Privilege Card" issued or renewed expires each year on the birth date of the applicant.

On March 8, 2005, Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., signed SB227 - *Public Safety Driving Privilege Card* into law.

Since the passage of SB227 (March 2005), a total of 20,731 driving privilege cards have been issued.

Currently, the State of Utah allows ALL state residents to be legally trained, tested, licensed, insured and traceable drivers as an effort to ensure public safety on Utah roads.

2006 LEGISLATION

This year, Rep. Glenn Donnelson (R-Weber) is sponsoring HB64 - *Driver License Qualification Amendments* to repeal the driving privilege card.

Number of Driver Licenses issued with ITIN vs. Driving Privilege Cards (DPC) issued in Utah			
Month	ITIN 2004	DPC 2005	
March 9	1461	1137	
April	1627	1174	
May	1507	1173	
June	1763	3481	
July	1638	2731	
August	1652	2491	
September	1552	2217	
October	1662	2283	
November	1637	2508	
December	925	1536	
Total	15,424	20,731	
Source: Department of Public Safety			

Uninsured Motor Vehicle Rate March 2005- September 2005		
March	6.34%	
April	5.84%	
May	5.83%	
June	5.62%	
July	5.42%	
August	5.59%	
September	5.48%	
Source: State Tax Commission		

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

In May 2005, President George W. Bush signed the H.R. 1268 *Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005.*

This law includes *Title II - Improved Security for Drivers' Licenses and Personal Identification Cards*, which outlines in detail the federal regulations for driver licenses, temporary driver licenses and identification cards for non-citizens or nationals of the United States. In relation to Utah's compliance, some components of the REAL ID Act would be in place with the passage of SB227.

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